

MFP Grantee Training Calls

Grantee Training Calls will occur on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 3:00 pm EST for 90 minutes from March 12 – June 25. (The remainder of the year, calls will occur once per month.) The topics chosen come from requests made by Grantees during needs assessment calls.

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Continuation of 2008 Conference Discussion – Ensuring MFP Success The content of this session will highlight states with approved OPs and: the assessment, planning and transition process; barriers to transition; and, connecting with local delivery systems.	Bob Mollica – NASHP	March 12, 2008	
Quality Management Systems	Beth Jackson – Thomson	March 26, 2008	Royster 210
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System Needs Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., the featured speakers in this call, will focus on developing IT systems that address the reporting requirements for the national evaluation. This session will feature Grantee spotlight.	Carol Irvin – Mathematica	April 23, 2008	Kirby 132
Critical Incident Reporting and Management Systems A key function of any state's HCBS Quality Management System is the ability to determine when "bad things happen" and remediate their consequences. A well-functioning critical incident system does this, by defining reportable incidents, creating mechanisms for timely data reporting and review, and facilitating follow-up, as well as supporting systems-wide analysis. In this session, we will describe CMS	Sara Galantowicz – Thomson	May 14, 2008	Royster 116

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expectations regarding critical incident systems in MFP programs, discuss the features of a good system, and review selected state examples.			
Housing (this will be a recurring series) Engaging state stakeholders in human service and housing agencies to collaborate on housing Human service agencies (both public and private) often have a lack of knowledge of the intricacies of housing and how it may best be developed. Correspondingly, many housing agencies lack knowledge about human service agencies and the services they provide. The content of this session will highlight two states (PA and IA) that have developed successful collaborations between housing and human service agencies. Representatives from each state will walk participants through the process they experienced in creating these collaborations and some of what they have accomplished, including the establishment of formal working agreements.	Jay Klein – CHANCE	May 28, 2008	Kirby 132
Consumers Requiring Mental Health Services This presentation will focus on the planning and financing of mental health services using a clinically based web and computer model. In addition to planning a comprehensive system of care, the HSRI simulation model has also been used to model (1) project the costs and outcomes of implementing state-wide evidence-based practices, (2) perform gap analysis in a number of Olmstead related class action lawsuits, and (3) project the cost and potential cost	David Hughes – HSRI	June 11, 2008	Kirby 132

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offsets of implementing jail/prison diversion offenders with mental illnesses.			
Transition Planning Using Self-Direction This teleconference will focus on strategies to develop transition services using the concepts of self-directing. An overview of options and associated challenges will be provided. State staff experienced with process will participate.	Suzanne Crisp – Thomson	June 25, 2008	Kirby 132
Risk Management While all of us face risks daily, individuals who transition from an institutional setting to the community are especially vulnerable to adverse health, environmental and social outcomes. As a result, CMS has articulated expectations specific to the MFP program for states to implement risk management and risk monitoring systems. Such systems identify, document, and mitigate against individual risks, as well as examine risk trends system-wide. This session will explore CMS' expectations regarding risk management, as well as the relationships between risk management and care planning, protecting against risk versus promoting individual choice, and how risk management relates to 24-hour emergency back-up.	Sara Galantowicz – Thomson	July 23, 2008	Kirby 132
Housing Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) The Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) program is the largest source of funding available to states to support the creation of affordable rental housing for individuals and families with low incomes. LIHTCs are allocated to states on a per capita basis and are competitively awarded	Jay Klein – CHANCE	August 13, 2008	Kirby 297

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<p>in accordance with the State's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP). These dollars are used to support the acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction of affordable housing. Tax credits may be used to develop housing with units for people with disabilities through set-asides. This call will highlight the LIHTC programs in the states of NC, PA, and LA.</p> <p>Representatives presenting on the call will discuss the specifics of their LIHTC program and how this funding has been targeted to people with disabilities in their state.</p>			
<p>Housing:</p> <p><i>Developing an MFP Housing Strategic Plan</i></p> <p>Crafting a realistic, actionable Money Follows the Person (MFP) housing strategic plan that recognizes the realities of how many housing units can be secured in the short-term and how many can be developed in the long-term is critical. Many states look to the development of new housing finance mechanisms for the creation of the critical mass of affordable housing units to transition people with disabilities out of institutional settings. However, the creation of housing units through new financing mechanisms often requires a long term strategy because new construction or rehabilitation requires at minimum one year for the development process. Thus, the identification of short term strategies to secure existing housing units is critical. Additionally, partnership and collaboration at many levels also is needed including with public housing agencies, local non-profit developers and private landlords.</p> <p>During this teleconference, NCB Capital Impact and a partner state will</p>	<p>Michael Cheek and Candace Baldwin <i>NCB Impact</i></p>	<p>September 10, 2008</p>	<p>Kirby 132</p>

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provide the basic components of an MFP housing strategic plan including which housing strategies should be considered short term and which should be considered long-term.			
Transportation The focus of this session will be developing options and creative solutions related to setting up transportation options in rural areas.	Steve Eiken – Thomson	September 24, 2008	Kirby 132
Housing: <i>Understanding Tenant Based Rental Assistance – Practical Tools</i> The creation of affordable housing units for extremely low and very low income populations requires the coupling of development subsidies with tenant based rental assistance. Traditional affordable housing finance subsidies do not "drill down" far enough to allow rental payments to be affordable to individuals relying upon SSI as the sole source of payment. Tenant based rental assistance is needed to bridge the gap between the rent level provided by the development subsidy and individual incomes. The Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program is over subscribed with waiting lists exceeding 2 years at best. There are a number of sources for rental assistance that can be utilized to assist MFP recipients in accessing community based residential units. During this call NCB Capital Impact and a partner state will discuss innovative strategies for the creation of sustainable tenant based rental assistance including such sources as HOME and Housing Trust Funds.	Michael Cheek and Candace Baldwin NCB Impact	October 8, 2008	Kirby 132
Self Advocacy and Family Support Consumer-based advocacy and self-help organizations are the focus of this session.	Valerie/June – HSRI	October 22, 2008	Kirby 132

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Case Management in a New World Developing a strategy for case management in light of recent changes.	Bob Mollica – NASHP	November 12, 2008	Kirby 132